

DECLARATION (PRO SE INVENTOR)

I, Jose R. Matos, the below named inventor, hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

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the specification of which is filed herewith.

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<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u> <u>(day, month, year)</u>
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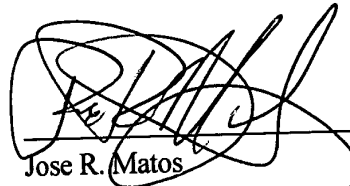
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